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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOR OR MERIT AWARD
(Submit in triplicate - see HR 20-37)

SECTION A		PERSONAL DATA		
1. EMP. SFL NO. 558124	2. NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED (Last, First, Middle) McCord, James Walter, Jr.	3. POSITION TITLE Physical Sec. Off.	4. GRADE GS-15	5. SD SS
6. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT OS/Phys. Sec. Div.		7. OFFICE EXT. (If hqs) 6821		8. STATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEADQUARTERS <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD (Specify location)
9. HOME ADDRESS (No., St., City, State, ZIP Code) 7 Winder Court, Rockville, Md. 20850		10. HOME PHONE 762-7678	11. CITIZENSHIP AND HOW ACQUIRED U. S. A. - Birth	
12. RECOMMENDED AWARD Certificate of Distinction		13. IF RETIRING, DATE OF RETIREMENT 31 August 1970		14. POSTHUMOUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
15. NAME OF NEXT OF KIN Marjorie Lee McCord		16. RELATIONSHIP Wife	17. HOME ADDRESS (No., St., City, State, ZIP Code) Same	
			18. HOME PHONE Same	

SECTION B RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROIC ACTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF HAZARD			
19. WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO THE ACT		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
PERSONNEL IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD:			
20. FULL NAME <i>Smith</i>		21. ORGN. TITLE	22. GRADE
		23. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT	
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN ACT:			
24. FULL NAME		25. AWARD RECOMMENDED	
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED:			
26. LOCATION		27. INCLUSIVE DATES	28. TIME OF DAY
29. PREVAILING GEOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS AND OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED			
30. DATES FOR WHICH AWARD RECOMMENDED		31. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		32. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

SECTION C RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE, OR PERFORMANCE			
33. DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
34. OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT OF PERSON RECOMMENDED AT TIME OF SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE Chief, Physical Security Division, PTOS, OS			
35. COMPONENT OR STATION (Designation and location) Headquarters			
36. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSIGNED POSITION To plan and direct an Agency-wide physical security program for protecting Agency installations against unauthorized physical penetration and Agency information and material against loss, compromise or disclosure.			
37. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED		38. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		39. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
PERSONNEL WHO ASSISTED OR CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE			
40. FULL NAME		41. ORGN. TITLE	42. GRADE
		43. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT	
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PERFORMANCE			
44. FULL NAME		45. TYPE OF AWARD	

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Award for Heroic Action or Acceptance of Hazard: Was act voluntary? Describe why act was outstanding, and if it was more than normally expected. Explain, why, and how. If an aerial or marine operation, describe type and position of craft, crew position of individual, and all unusual circumstances. Indicate results of the act. Enclose unclassified citation.

Award for Achievement, Service, or Performance: State character of service during period for which recommended. (Give complete description of administrative, technical, or professional duties and responsibilities if not covered in Section C; include dates of assignment and relief.) What did the individual do that merits the award? Why was this outstanding when compared to others of like grade and experience in similar positions or circumstances? If appropriate, include production records and assistance rendered by other persons or units. What obstacles were encountered or overcome? Indicate results of achievement, service, or performance. Include reference to Fitness Reports, Letters of Commendation, or other documentation already on file which supports this recommendation. Enclose unclassified citation.

When he retires 31 August 1970, Mr. James W. McCord, Jr., will have completed 25 years of Government service, 19 years of which were with the CIA in a variety of assignments covering the investigative, counter-intelligence, overseas security support, audio countermeasures and physical security fields within the Security Career Service.

During his early years of employment when assigned to the San Francisco Field Office, Office of Security, August 1951 to May 1953, Mr. McCord assisted in the covert entry and processing through customs of operational personnel from the Far East areas and performed safehouse duties and related tasks designed to ensure the protection and cover of such personnel.

When serving with the Security Research Staff, 1955 to 1962, Mr. McCord worked in direct support of Agency activities abroad of a specialized nature exploiting highly sensitive intelligence source material resulting in the reconstruction of Soviet espionage networks and resolving operational and security leads affecting both the [] and United States Governments. The identities, composition and operations of Soviet intelligence services in Europe prior to 1953 and dating back into the 1930's, were reconstructed. Between 1955 and 1960, Mr. McCord was involved in contacting, developing and debriefing these identified and available

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46. ENCLOSURES (List individually) IF ORIGINATOR IS NOT AN EYEWITNESS OR DOES NOT HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR PERFORMANCE, ATTACH AFFIDAVITS OF EYEWITNESS OR INDIVIDUALS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS.

1. PROPOSED CITATION
- 2.
- 3.

47. RECOMMENDATION INITIATED BY

James P. O'Connell

48. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE MAKING RECOMMENDATION

James P. O'Connell
Deputy Director of Security (PTOS)

49. DATE

SECTION E

RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED THROUGH OFFICIALS CONCERNED FOR THEIR INFORMATION

50.

HEAD OF SS CAREER SERVICE
(Career service of nominee)

TITLE AND SIGNATURE

Director of Security

DATE

17 JUL 1970

51.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICE

TITLE AND SIGNATURE H. L. DARRINGTON

Deputy Director for Support

DATE

23 JUL 1970

52.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATING COMPONENT

TITLE AND SIGNATURE

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former Soviet intelligence²⁴ personalities. This activity led to close liaison with [redacted] intelligence representatives involving numerous trips to Europe. This liaison activity with 24 representatives [redacted] established a direct channel of communications resulting in a continuous exchange of leads and a flow of operational data over the years of benefit to the Agency.

During the period of his work with the Security Research Staff, in which he served as Deputy Chief from May 1957, Mr. McCord was the Agency's case officer in a number of double agent cases involving Agency staff employees who had been contacted and were being developed for recruitment by the Soviet intelligence service.

From 1962 to 1964, Mr. McCord served overseas as Chief 15.20 of the Regional Security Support Staff located at (Frankfurt, Germany) with responsibility for the overall personnel and physical security and audio countermeasures programs applicable to the Stations and Bases of the European area. This assignment was followed by attendance at the Air War College, August 1964 to June 1965.

For the past five years, Mr. McCord has held two vital line positions with world-wide responsibilities involving the Agency's audio countermeasures and physical security programs.

As Chief of the Technical Division from 23 July 1965 to 10 October 1968, Mr. McCord supervised a technical operation with considerable skill. Although not an engineer by training, he spanned a difficult gap between the administrative and technical demands of his responsibilities, guiding the development of useful and esoteric equipment in the counter-audio field to a point where the Agency became the recognized leader among Government departments in this area of activity. This leadership is evidenced by the

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establishment of an Inter-Agency Technical Training Center under the Executive Agency of the Technical Division for the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee of the United States Intelligence Board. Much of Mr. McCord's ideas, talents, and imagination went into the creation of this training activity which commenced operations about the time of his reassignment to the Physical Security Division.

Mr. McCord participated with two subordinate employees in the development of x-ray equipment for use by the Technical Division in detecting and locating hostile audio devices implanted in office appurtenances and walls of Agency occupied facilities. The responsibility for ensuring that appropriate protective methods for the safe use of this equipment was also associated with this development. The significance of this achievement was recognized by the Agency when Mr. McCord and his participating colleagues were awarded Certificates of Merit in October 1966.

In his current position as Chief, Physical Security Division, Mr. McCord demonstrated his ability to quickly assimilate the necessary details of a field in which he had relatively little experience. He showed initiative in seeking out new ways and means to harden the security of the Agency's domestic and overseas facilities by tapping all possible technological resources, both in and out of Government, to produce for the Agency a posture in the physical security field which is the equal of, if not superior to, those of other elements of the United States Government. Illustrative of this effort is the expansion and improvement of the Agency's Security Command Center relating to the protection of Agency assets in time of demonstrations, riots and civil disturbances.

Throughout his Agency career, Mr. McCord has engaged his curious and inventive mind to search out even better ways to solve problems within his area of responsibility. As a result, his

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Agency career is a record of sustained superior performance of duty of high value. The value of his exemplary performance over the years has often been recognized and commended by senior officials of the Agency. It is on this basis that Mr. McCord is nominated for the Certificate of Distinction upon the occasion of his retirement.

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